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THE AVENGERS

EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES, UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT! ON THAT DAY THE AVENGERS WERE BORN, TO FIGHT FOES THAT NO SINGLE HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

THE AVENGERS

IRON MAN

HAWKEYE

SPIDER-WOMAN

THE PROTECTOR

JARVIS

CAPTAIN AMERICA

WOLVERINE

SPIDER-MAN

THE RED HULK

MARIA HILL

THE AVENGERS! WOLVERINE, IRON MAN, SPIDER-MAN, THOR, SPIDER-WOMAN, THE PROTECTOR AND HAWKEYE ARE HANDPICKED BY STEVE ROGERS TO LEAD THE PREMIER AVENGERS TEAM!

FIGHTING AN IMPOSSIBLE WAR AGAINST THE ASGARDIAN GOD OF FEAR AND HIS HAMMER-WIELDING MINIONS, THE AVENGERS LOST BOTH BUCKY BARNES (THE CURRENT CAPTAIN AMERICA) AND THOR IN BATTLE. AVENGERS TOWER WAS ALSO DESTROYED AND ALL OF THE AVENGERS HAVE CROWDED INTO AVENGERS MANSION.

STEVE ROGERS HAS TAKEN BACK THE MANTLE OF CAPTAIN AMERICA AND NOW THE AVENGERS FACE AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE.

RECENTLY, THE NEW AVENGERS WERE UNABLE TO STOP THE FORMER GREEN GOBLIN, NORMAN OSBORN, FROM ESCAPING INCARCERATION. HE IS AT LARGE AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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AVENGERS MANSION.
WE'VE RECIEVED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT COMMANDER STEVE ROGERS IS, AS WE SPEAK, MEETING WITH THE AVENGERS TO SETTLE ON WHO WILL BE ON THE TEAM GOING FORWARD.
I LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR. I LOVE THE GUESSING GAME.
I LOVE TRYING TO SECOND-GUESS WHAT CAPTAIN AMERICA SEES AS THE BEST REPRESENTATIVES OF US AS AN AMERICAN PEOPLE.
CAP RULES
We Av
THIS IS NOTHING BUT PROPAGANDA AND SPIN.
WHAT WE SHOULD REALLY BE TALKING ABOUT IS WHO IS TO BLAME FOR THE ATTACK ON AMERICA!
WE WERE VICTIMS OF A BLITZKRIEG.
WASHINGTON, D.C. WILL NEVER RECOVER.
YET CAPTAIN AMERICA IS TRYING TO DISTRACT US WITH THIS--THIS FLUFF.
THIS NON-STORY.
THAT IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS.
WE KNOW EXACTLY WHO IS TO BLAME FOR THE ATTACK ON AMERICAN SOIL...YOU, AND PEOPLE LIKE YOU, JUST CHOOSE TO NOT BELIEVE IT.
WE HAVE THE AVENGERS TO THANK FOR THE FACT THAT WE'RE STILL HERE BREATHING.
THE AVENGERS REPRESENT ALL THAT IS GOOD AND DECENT IN US...
AND IT IS OKAY, IT'S MORE THAN OKAY, FOR THIS COUNTRY TO GATHER AROUND AND CHEER FOR THE HERO INSIDE US ALL.
I THINK THIS SO-CALLED CAPTAIN AMERICA IS MISREADING THE MOOD OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.
AND I MEAN MISSING IT BY A MILE.
THERE'S A BIG PART OF THE PUBLIC THAT CRINGES EVERY TIME WE SEE A COSTUMED "HERO."
AND SEEING A BUNCH OF THEM TOGETHER JUST SENDS SHIVERS OF FEAR DOWN OUR COLLECTIVE SPINES.
AFTER THE MESS THEY MADE WITH THE RED SKULL, THE SKRULLS, AND GOD KNOWS WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON THAT THEY DON'T EVEN TALK ABOUT IN PUBLIC...
I THINK IT WOULD BE IN BETTER TASTE FOR THEM TO LAY LOW.
YOU KNOW, SHOW SOME CLASS, CAPTAIN.
NOT EVERYONE IS BUYING WHAT YOU'RE SELLING.
THIS IS SO EXCITING.
WE'LL BE COVERING THIS STORY AROUND THE CLOCK, SO STAY TUNED FOR DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY HAPPEN.
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

HE IS THE MOST ADVANCED MACROTECH-ORGANISM THAT EXISTS ON THE PLANET.
IT WAS HARD. REALLY HARD. ONE OF MY BIGGEST CHALLENGES.
BUT I KEPT TRYING. I JUST DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO GET ANYONE'S HOPES UP.
A WEEK AGO, I HIT THE RIGHT BUTTON OR LEVER OR SOMETHING BECAUSE HE STARTED TO HEAL HIMSELF.
REGENERATE.
I SPENT THE LAST COUPLE OF NIGHTS REBOOTING HIS A.I....
AND THEN: HEY, LOOK, THE VISION.

CAPTAIN, IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL.
HEY, HOT STUFF.

I AM SORRY IF MY SUDDEN APPEARANCE HERE IS STARTLING.
AND I APOLOGIZE IF I DO NOT SEEM AS MOVED AS ALL OF YOU.
TO ME, IT FEELS LIKE I'D SEEN YOU ONLY YESTERDAY.
OBVIOUSLY, I AM HAPPY TO SEE YOU ALL AND HAPPY TO SEE AVENGERS MANSION STANDING.

I DON'T REMEMBER HIM TALKING THIS MUCH.
I HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON ALL CURRENT EVENTS AND RECENT AVENGERS HISTORY.
IT SEEMS YOU'VE BEEN RATHER BUSY.
I AM CAUGHT UP TO SPEED AND I'D LIKE TO--

TO--

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AROUND THE WORLD...
YOUR...
AVENGERS!!!
STARK!
ROGERS!
I LOVE YOU,
IS THAT A HULK?
WILL YOU REBUILD THE TOWER?
WHO IS PAYING FOR THIS?
WHAT ABOUT REPORTS THAT--?
CAN WE GET THEIR NAMES ONE MORE TIME?
IS THAT THE SAME HULK AS THE GREEN HULK?
A MUTANT? DON'T YOU THINK THAT
MARRY ME, SPIDER-WOMAN!
CAPTAIN!
STARK!
ROGERS!
WHAT ABOUT SPIDER-MAN? IS IT BECAUSE OF THE OUTBREAK?
HULK.
CAN YOU CONFIRM THE RED SKULL IS DEAD?
BUCKY BARNES.
I HAVE A QUESTION!
MY NAME IS NORMAN OSBORN AND I WAS OUSTED FROM MY POST AS HEAD OF THE AVENGERS AND DETAINED IN A FEDERAL PRISON AGAINST MY WILL WITHOUT TRIAL.
I'M HERE TO RECTIFY THAT SITUATION!
TO BE CONTINUED...

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EVERY CHRISTMAS EVE, SANTA CLAUS NEEDS A LITTLE HELP...
THE NAME'S WAYNE. THE GANGLY ONE BEHIND ME? MY JUNIOR PARTNER, LANNY.
WE'RE PART OF PREP & LANDING, AN ELITE UNIT OF ELVES WHO GET HOUSES READY...
Mina
Joey
Ann
...FOR THE BIG GUY'S ARRIVAL.
HO HO HO!
MAGEE, THE NORTH POLE CHRISTMAS EVE COMMAND CENTER COORDINATOR (N.P.C.E.C.C.C. FOR SHORT) IS ALWAYS A WALKING ANXIETY ATTACK, BUT THIS YEAR SHE SEEMED EXTRA EDGY...
JINGLE TIME, GUYS. THIS MISSION'S A ROUGH ONE!
HEY, IT'S US! GET IN. GET OUT. NEVER BE NOTICED!
GREAT GARLAND!

THRASHER THE REINDEER HAS A GLARE THAT'LL CRACK AN ICEBERG...
... BUT OVER THE DROP ZONE, EVEN HE SEEMED UNEASY.
SHOULD'VE BEEN MY FIRST CLUE...
CRACKLE! CRACKLE!
FWOOSHH!
...WHOA!

THIS IS A PRETTY TINSEL-LOOKING HOUSE, WAYNE! BET THAT "A" STANDS FOR "AWESOME"!
HOLD ON...
BEEP BEEP
CREATURES STIRRING
1
TREESKIRT! CREATURE STIRRING!
A BIG ONE!
TAKE COVER!!
...ZZZ... HUNGRY...
WHAT A FESTIVE SHADE OF GREEN! HE SURE MUST LOVE CHRISTMAS!
ZZZ... COOKIE GOOD... SNORE!
MUNCH! MUNCH!

HURRY!
THE BIG GUY WILL LAUNCH ANY MINUTE!
STOCKINGS HUNG WITH CARE!
FLUFF!
POOF!
COOKIES ARE HOLLY JOLLY!
NO NUTS
NICE TREE TRIMMING!
PERFECT GIFT FIT!
BUZZ!

WAYNE! THE BIG GUY'S AIRBORNE!
NO PROBLEM! INTERIOR PREPPED. HEADING TO THE ROOF FOR THE LANDING!
SWIPE
SWIPE
LITTLE DRUMMER BOY--OUT!
WHRRRRR
BZZZZZ
STARK X-LCOR
ANALYZING
CLASSIFICATION: ROCHET
EXTERMINATE
UHH... WAYNE?

I THINK WE'VE BEEN NOTICED!!
C'MON!
KLACK!
OH, FROSTBITE.
RREEEEEEE
ZAP
AAAAAHHHHH!

GOTTA GET TO THE CHIMNEY!
WAYNE, I'M STUCK!
THWIP!
CLANG!
THIS ISN'T VERY TINSEL!
AAAGHHH!
IT'S TOBOGGANIN' TIME!
WHRRR
PZAKKKK
WHOOPS!

CLANK!
CRASH
OOOFFF!
WHUMP!
MERRY CHRISTMAS?!
OOOKAY, MAGEE. WHAT SAY NEXT YEAR WE GET A SLIGHTLY LESS STRESSFUL ASSIGNMENT. HUH?
POOR WAYNE...
OKAY. HERE'S A NICE ONE: A SCHOOL! FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS.
NEXT MORNING...
AWWW...SANTA ALWAYS KNOW WHAT HULK NEED...
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